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Dear Charlie:

This is a belated answer to your note of November 18, but I have to admit that it was only just forwarded by postman Beets. Let me thank you for your good wishes; and since just possibly you don't know me well enough to be sure how I might react to unwittingly eavesdropping on your mail to Beets let me say that I could also heartily share those sentiments too.

We are just getting into the busy season of packing now -- we did decide to take advantage of the happy circumstance of meeting at Palo Alto to move for good at the same occasion. Kay seems to have made all necessary arrangements for the meeting, so I hope you didn't have any needless bother. See you in about 3 weeks then, and I hope more than once in a while afterwards. I hardly have to tell you how much we are looking forward to getting settled in such an attractive and stimulating environment.

Have you ever thought of going after the Burdo problem yourself? I should think there could be more explicit genetic tests for experimentally produced somatic heterozygosity. Time enough to talk about *tete-a-tete*.

Yours,

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